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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Membership in the A. O. U.

Editor of 'The Auk,'

Dear Sir:-

As I fail to find in the corrected copy of the A. O. U. by-laws, sent me by Mr. Sage, any changes whereby the working ornithologists in the Associate Class are benefited, I have this day sent in my resignation as an 'Associate' in the A. O. U. This step also was necessary, by the refusal by 'The Auk,' of further articles dealing with "proposed changes," previous to the last A. O. U. meeting in San Francisco. In my open letter on the subject, I asked for a free discussion in 'The Auk.' This\_was denied me, as well as others who cared to take part in it. It is evident, that the Fellows, who like I, desired a changed by-laws, to meet changed conditions, were absent, or were over ruled at the last meeting. By leaving the A. O. U. I am not giving up any work so dear to me, and my friends will still find my collection of birds, mammals and eggs, as well as my home, open at all time to them.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD H. BAILEY.

Newport News, Va.

Sunday, the 19th of December, 1915.

[As Mr. Bailey's statement regarding his discussion in 'The Auk' may be misleading, the editor desires to state that the *only* communication